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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the administration,
4 teachers, and students of Emerson Elementary School on the
5 occasion of the school's designation as a National Blue Ribbon
6 School by the United States Department of Education; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program
8 recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high
9 schools where students either achieve high learning standards
10 or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement
11 gap; and

12 WHEREAS, Emerson Elementary School was recognized in the
13 category of Exemplary High Performing Schools, which are among
14 the State's highest performing schools as measured by State
15 assessments or national tests; the category also recognizes the
16 highest levels of student subgroup performance and high school
17 graduation rates; and

18 WHEREAS, Emerson Elementary School embodies rich ethnic
19 and socioeconomic diversity; of its 335 students, about 74% are
20 white, 14% are Hispanic, 5% are African-American, 4% are Asian,
21 and 4% are multi-racial; about 29% of students qualify as
22 low-income and 6% have limited English proficiency; the school

1 also provides fine arts, music, physical education, and
2 technology programs to help nurture relationships with each
3 student, celebrate unique differences, and create learning
4 opportunities that teach beyond the classroom; and

5 WHEREAS, Emerson Elementary School will be officially
6 recognized at a ceremony on November 9-10, 2015 in Washington,
7 D.C.; and

8 WHEREAS, The administration, teachers, and students of
9 Emerson Elementary School serve as models of hard work,
10 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
11 Illinois; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate the administration, teachers, and students of
15 Emerson Elementary School on the occasion of the school's
16 designation as a National Blue Ribbon School by the United
17 States Department of Education and wish them continued success
18 and happiness in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Emerson Elementary School as a symbol of our
21 esteem and respect.